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FOR AMBASSADOR AND T. TRACY FROM BEN READ

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO EMBASSY MOSCOW

1. FOLLOWING EUR COM JUNE MEETING IN LONDON, MY WIFE, ANNE K. ("NAN") AND I PLAN TO VISIT MOSCOW FOR TWO DAYS, ARRIVING ON SU 256 AEROFLOT FROM FRANKFURT AT 1735 ON MONDAY, JUNE 19 AND DEPARTING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 AT 1845 ON SU 459 AEROFLOT FOR CAIRO. I WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO AIRPORT AND IN MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR US AT HOTEL OF YOUR CHOOSING.

2. SINCE I HAVE TO HANDLE REPEATEDLY RELATED QUESTIONS ON HILL AND ELSEWHERE, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR FULL BRIEFINGS ON MICROWAVES, FIRE REPAIR, AND NEW EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS. JOHN HOPKINS STUDY IS DUE JUNE 15 AND I WILL BRING IT IF AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, IF YOU

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THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL, I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU SET UP AT YOUR DISCRETION MEETINGS (1) WITH STATE COMPONENTS OF EMBASSY OFFICERS AND STAFF TO DISCUSS MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS; (2) SAME WITH LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER, AND (3) SAME (WITH MRS. READ) WITH STATE AND OTHER USG SPOUSES/FAMILY LIAISON GROUP.

3. MRS. READ HAS NOT BEEN IN MOSCOW BEFORE AND I HOPE WE
CAN SAVE SOME TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING. VANCE

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